



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Vincent Sheheen
Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton Boykin
Councilmember Delia J. Davis
Councilmember Phil Elliott
Councilmember William Wilkes
City Clerk Brenda Davis

City Manager Matt DeWitt
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young
Attorney Lawrence Flynn (absent)
Chronicle-Independent Martin Cahn
and interested citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vincent Sheheen called the Camden City Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Phil Elliott opened the council meeting with the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of February 18, 2025.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda as presented for March 4, 2025 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Council along with staff recognized the following awards and proclamations:

Proclamation to proclaim March 2025 as Women's History Month. Those in attendance to receive the proclamation were Willie Ann Ledwell, Pauline Ruff, and Shannon Gwendolyn. Proclamation to proclaim April as "Month of Young Child" with April 5-11 being "Week of the Young Child". Those in attendance to receive the proclamation were Executive Director Katie Nichols and Jessica Clea.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lynne Canto of Moultrie Lane spoke noting she has several suggestions if a joint city-county equine ad hoc task force is established. She also spoke regarding the retention area at the new MUSC building at 2034 West DeKalb, noting the need for site improvements.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFIED SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS 2025

Mr. Bruce Little, Chairman, Camden Election Commission presented the 2025 official Special Election Results to council as follow:



City Council

*Delia J. Davis 214 votes
Write-In Totals 37 votes

Delia J. Davis was sworn in thereafter by the Honorable Judge James Davis and took her seat as Councilmember immediately thereafter.

PRESENTATION

Introduction of SC American Revolution Trust (SCART)

SC American Revolution Trust Executive Director Wesley O. Herndon and Treasurer Julian Burns presented a presentation on the South Carolina American Revolution Trust organization. The brief presentation noted the mission, vision, and goals of the South Carolina American Revolution Trust. For additional information, please see copy of handout dated March 4, 2025 titled South Carolina American Revolution Trust: Collections that Changed the World.

Public presentation on City proposed AMI project – Phillip Lowery, Vice President Strategic Growth and SE General Manager at GRP Wegman.

Intelligent Infrastructure: Electric Meters, water meters, and AMI Technology. The following were presented as Camden looks forward to improving its electric and water meter services. Camden Goals | Achieved through this project: keep water services affordable for customers and avoid extreme rate increases, replace degraded meters with smart meters, improve services for customers with real time accessible data and enhance our historic City with Smart Infrastructure. For additional information, please see copy of presentation dated March 4, 2025 titled Intelligent Infrastructure.

CONSENT AGENDA

No consent items.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to enter into a public hearing to receive public comments regarding property purchase from Santee Lynches Regional Development Corporation, Inc. (SLRCOG) at 1005 Lytleton Street, as it relates to Ordinance #2025-005.

After hearing no discussion, and a call for public comments; Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 6:14 pm.



ORDINANCE #2025-005 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Camden authorizing the purchase of real property and improvements from Santee Lynches Regional Development Corporation, Inc; Authorizing the appropriation of funds toward such purchase; and other matters related thereto. (1005 Lyttleton Street A-J)

ORDINANCE #2025-006 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes voted unanimously to approve an ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina extending moratoriums on permits, approvals, or other authorizations for major subdivisions and multi-family developments within the city; amending such moratorium as it pertains to certain multi-family developments; and other matters relating thereto. (Proposed extension on city current development moratorium)

Staff/Council Topics

Joint Kershaw County and City of Camden Task Force on Local Equine Industry Improvements. Letter signed by Mayor Vincent Sheheen creating a Joint Kershaw County and City of Camden Task Force on Local Equine Industry Improvements outlining the purpose, duration, structure and operations. For additional information see letter on file dated February 21, 2025.

Executive Session

When necessary, portions of the meeting may be conducted in Executive Session as allowed by State Statute. (NO EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD)

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:25 pm.

Mayor Vincent Sheheen

Attest:

Unofficial Minutes

Brenda Davis, City Clerk